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## COUNTY WINS AWARD FOR ENERGY SAVINGS

*Building Improvements Save Taxpayers Dollars*

The County of San Diego has won an annual "San Diego Excellence in Energy" award for incorporating solar power and other improvements into building projects, saving energy and taxpayer dollars.

The San Diego Regional Energy Office and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce gave the award, known as the SANDEE, to the County. Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price accepted the award at a recent Chamber dinner.

The County won the Project of the Year in the government category for its efforts to promote energy efficiency at two buildings, the North County Regional Center, in Vista, and the South Bay Regional Center, in Chula Vista. Both buildings primarily house Superior Courts, and offices for the District Attorney and Sheriff's Department.

In December 2003, the County added 720 photovoltaic panels to each building. In addition, the County retrofitted the central energy plants at the buildings to enhance their energy efficiency.

The improvements have resulted in a savings of \$250,731 per year, or about 2 million kilowatts per year.

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